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AND INJECTION MOLD)
ASSEMBLY)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) An injection mold assembly according to Claim 7, wherein a gate of the cavity is a disc gate, and the punch pin functions as a center pin for forming a central hole in a molded product and also as a gate pressing pin for cutting a gate part off the molded product after injection molding.

Please add the following new claim 10:

10. An injection mold assembly according to Claim 8, wherein a gate of the cavity is a disc gate, and the punch pin functions as a center pin for forming a central hole in a molded product and also as a gate pressing pin for cutting a gate part off the molded product after injection molding.

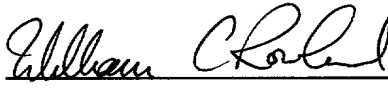
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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to remove multiple claim dependencies.

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Marked-up Claim 9

9. (Amended) An injection mold assembly according to [any of Claims 7 or 8]
Claim 7, wherein a gate of the cavity is a disc gate, and the punch pin functions as a center
pin for forming a central hole in a molded product and also as a gate pressing pin for
cutting a gate part off the molded product after injection molding.

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